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Seventh Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement

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Sir:

Listed on accompanying Form PTO-1449 are documents that may be considered material to the examination of this application, in compliance with the duty of disclosure requirements of 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.56, 1.97 and 1.98. The numbering on this Seventh Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement is a continuation of the numbering in Applicants' Third Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement filed on December 23, 2002 in connection with the above-captioned application. This Seventh Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement is supplemental to an electronic Sixth Supplemental Any fee necessary for Information Disclosure Statement filed the same day. consideration of this Seventh Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement has been authorized or otherwise submitted with the electronic Information Disclosure Statement. Copies of the documents are submitted herewith.

The Examiner's attention is directed to the following co-pending, related applications:

- U.S. Application No. 10/202,858, inventors Felgner *et al.*, filed July 26, 2002, now published as U.S. Publication No. 2003/0032615 A1, a copy of which was filed electronically on September 8, 2004;
- U.S. Application No. 10/360,645, inventors Wolff *et al.*, filed February 10, 2003, now published as U.S. Publication No. 2003/0186913 A1, a copy of which was filed electronically on September 8, 2004;
- U.S. Application No. 10/391,216, inventor Wheeler, C.J., filed March 19, 2003, now published as U.S. Publication No. 2003/0191082 A1, a copy of which was filed electronically on September 8, 2004;
- U.S. Application No. 10/127,683, inventors Hobart *et al.*, filed April 23, 2002, now published as U.S. Publication No. 2003/0203863 A1, a copy of which was filed electronically on September 8, 2004;
- U.S. Application No. 10/725,009, inventor Geall, A., filed December 2, 2003, now published as U.S. Publication No. 2004/0157789 A1, a copy of which was filed electronically on September 8, 2004;
- U.S. Application No. 09/937,604, inventor Wheeler, C.J., which is the U.S. National Phase of International Appl. No. PCT/US00/08282 (WIPO Publication No. 00/57917 A2), having a 35 U.S.C. § 371 date of September 26, 2001, now allowed (Document AL4);
- U.S. Application No. 08/486,533, inventors Felgner *et al.*, filed June 7, 1995, now allowed (Document **AS12**);

- U.S. Application No. 09/478,457, inventors Wolff *et al.*, filed January 6, 2000, now pending (Document **AT12**);
- U.S. Application No. 10/658,688, inventor Hermanson, G.G., filed September 10, 2003, now pending (Document AR13);
- U.S. Application No. 10/725,015, inventors Geall *et al.*, filed December 2, 2003, now pending (Document **AS13**);
- U.S. Application No. 10/738,986, inventors Hermanson *et al.*, filed December 19, 2003, now pending (Document **AT13**);
- U.S. Application No. 10/748,853, inventor Wheeler, C.J., filed December 30, 2003, now pending (Document AR14);
- U.S. Application No. 10/843,656, inventors Vilalta *et al.*, filed May 12, 2004, now pending (Document **AS14**); and
- U.S. Application No. 60/571,854, inventors Luke et al., filed May 18, 2004, now pending (Document AT14);

which are directed to related technical subject matter. The identification of these U.S. Patent Applications is not to be construed as a waiver if secrecy as to those applications now or upon issuance of the present application as a patent. The Examiner is respectfully requested to consider the cited applications and the art cited therein during examination.

Where the publication date of a listed document does not provide a month of publication, the year of publication of the listed document is sufficiently earlier than the effective U.S. filing date and any foreign priority date so that the month of publication is not in issue. Applicants have listed publication dates on the attached PTO-1449 based on information presently available to the undersigned. However, the listed publication dates should not be construed as an admission that the information was actually published on the date indicated.

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This Information Disclosure Statement is being filed before the mailing of a first Office Action after the filing of a request for continued examination under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114. No statement or fee is required.

It is respectfully requested that the Examiner initial and return a copy of the enclosed PTO-1449, and indicate in the official file wrapper of this patent application that the documents have been considered.

The U.S. Patent and Trademark Office is hereby authorized to charge any fee deficiency, or credit any overpayment, to our Deposit Account No. 19-0036.

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